

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the revised version of our manuscript 22061.

Title: Endoscopic mucosal resection of colorectal adenomas > 20 mm: Risk factors for recurrence

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We have addressed the reviewer's comments. In particular, we have clarified the following points:

Reviewer 02444931

1. The fact that age, morphology and resection technique were not significantly associated in multivariate analysis is probably due to the limited sample size and this is now mentioned in the text (discussion, page 11, 2nd paragraph).
2. We have added a new table (table 2) with gives the histology relative to the localization of the lesion.
3. The possibility of an association of recurrence rate and follow-up interval was checked, but there is no significant difference (results page 9, 2nd paragraph).
4. All 33 adenoma recurrences had the same histology as the primary lesion (results, page 9, 2nd paragraph).

Reviewer 00041963

1. We have mentioned the size > 20 mm in the title and had to change the title according to the Editor's comments.
2. The abbreviation 'EMR' was eliminated from the abstract section.
3. We have moved the mentioning of the biostatistician from the end of the materials/methods to the acknowledgement section.
4. The misspelling in the results section (page 9, 1st line) was corrected.
5. We have omitted table 1 and instead given the data in the materials and methods section (page 7, 1st paragraph).
6. The type of the statistical test (Kaplan Meier) is given at the bottom of table 3 and also in the results section (page 9, 2nd paragraph).
7. We have omitted column 5 from table 5.

Reviewer 02551224

1. To characterize the histology more precisely we have prepared a new table with histology vs. localization of the lesion (table 2).
2. The destiny of the 33 patients with recurrence is now mentioned in the text (results, page 9, 2nd paragraph).
3. We did not observe positive vertical margins (now stated in the results section on page 9, 1st paragraph).

We hope that these revisions are satisfactory to reviewers and editors and you could consider the manuscript for possible publication in the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F.L. Dumoulin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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